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Majority prices were trending unchanged to slightly higher in the major terminal markets. Demand was mixed and usually reported as slow, blamed mainly on the seasonal entrance of holiday items. Both parts and whole-body product were irregularly available, protected from excess by planned reductions in field availability and slaughter schedules. Live weights were mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/08-11/13/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	51.00-53.00	49.50-61.00	53.32	25
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	63.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	64.00	—		
New York	55.00-57.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	64.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	57.00-59.00	45.00-59.50	57.96	83

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
576	53.60-61.75	58.41
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	146.00	3,900
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.50	1,743
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.00	557
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	7,682
WINGS	61.00	2,656

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was fair to good, best where first of the month business was active and features were present. Supplies were sufficient to barely adequate for needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in balance and moving well, except boneless skinless which was in the longest position and slow to clear. Wings were sufficient to short with strong movement, and the remaining items were usually adequate with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week's levels. Trading was noted at mainly unchanged prices on regular commitments. The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were adequate overall and not as confidently held in some instances. Buyer needs was only fair and started to shift towards holiday interest. Retailer demand was fairly good overall, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Parts were steady to fully steady with wings and leg quarters in the strongest position.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged, and TFEWR elsewhere. Trade sentiment on on whole birds was mostly steady, instances firm. Offerings were were adequate or available with buyer interest limited. Retail demand was seasonally slow to moderate with Friday orders noted as typical. Food service movement was mixed, light to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading was fair to good on leg quarters and wings, breast items moderate and slowing. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on wings, unsettled to weak on boneless/skinless breasts, about steady on balance.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was usually moderate. Offering were tight on the larger sizes and mostly adequate on the smaller birds. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was fair to good, and the weekend along with the first of the month was expected to stimulate activity. In the parts market, supplies ranged short to adequate. Boneless skinless was longest and wings were usually short of needs.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend and was sufficient to keep the bulk of offerings in good balance to tight, particularly on the 3.5 pound, and in some instances 4.0 pound sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weight were mixed and irregular. Processing schedules were just moderate as some plants reduced operations and others closed for maintenance. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Breast cuts, especially boneless skinless and tenders were readily available. Leg items and wings were adequate at most plants.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	53-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	61.15
NO. OF BOXES	7,872
CUMULATIVE	10/25/99-10/29/99 59.80
	10/26/98-10/30/98 61.08
NO. OF BOXES	10/25/99-10/29/99 43,455
	10/26/98-10/30/98 39,446

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

NOVEMBER 04, 1999

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 05, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	482	132.00-193.00	-	165.61
TENDERLOINS	74	137.00-175.00	-	148.24
BREAST - LINE RUN	121	72.00-79.00	72-75	72.44
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	93	23.00-33.00	23-25	24.31
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	408	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.85
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,376	17.50-20.50	19-20	19.66
WINGS (WHOLE)	69	57.00-62.00	57-59	58.35
WINGS (CUT)	486	67.00-80.00	67-70	71.70
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	50	56.00-68.00	-	65.60

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 04, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	680	123.00-193.00	-	145.76	2,949	153.16
TENDERLOINS	89	135.00-175.00	-	143.99	469	157.04
BREAST - LINE RUN	96	72.00-79.00	72-75	72.36	607	72.84
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					
LEGS	47	23.00-34.00	23-25	24.64	416	24.34
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	427	15.00-18.50	15-16	16.04	1,993	15.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,301	18.50-20.50	19-20	19.76	6,329	19.58
WINGS (WHOLE)	162	60.00-62.00	60-61	60.88	555	59.21
WINGS (CUT)	407	67.00-80.00	67-69	68.69	2,033	68.92
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					
B/S THIGHS	120	50.00-68.00	54-57	53.67	331	56.16

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 05— F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE
	34.50 - 48.50	41.49

	TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	35.00-48.75	41.52	42.04

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest improved slightly as first of the month and weekend business picked up, but overall was not as well as most dealers had hoped. Offerings ranged at least adequate to tight with boneless skinless breasts in the most available position and wings in the tightest position. Movement into retail and distributive channels was mostly fair and reports of features for next week were limited. The market tone was firm on wings and unsettled on the balance.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

NOVEMBER 04, 1999

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	139.72	423,280
TENDERLOINS	140	140.20	55,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	75.66	197,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	70.69	143,800
LEGS	26-27	30.55	147,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.22	352,646
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.76	73,930
THIGHS	17-18	27.75	58,360
B/S THIGHS	69-70	74.27	38,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	59-60	69.62	163,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	24,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	59.70	27,144
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.95	30,520

NOVEMBER 05, 1999

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	141.32	498,120	141.29	2,162,100
TENDERLOINS	135-140	141.35	83,160	142.33	290,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	74.79	201,200	75.37	933,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	70.24	268,600	70.85	821,400
LEGS	26-27	29.87	228,440	29.96	831,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.19	524,554	18.36	1,672,294
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	34.14	82,030	32.82	416,930
THIGHS	19-20	24.10	104,880	26.38	356,440
B/S THIGHS	69-70	73.10	45,560	73.07	213,590
WINGS (WHOLE)	61-62	69.76	226,680	68.24	932,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.21	34,840	12.05	155,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	55.11	27,912	58.67	140,740
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.84	37,520	49.60	175,160

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/05	11/04	11/03	11/02	11/03
ALA	4,095	3,956	3,898	3,872	5.13
ARK	5,132	5,051	5,224	5,128	4.90
DELMARVA	2,251	2,391	2,473	2,386	4.97
KY-LA-TN	1,861	1,683	1,806	1,595	4.41
MISS	2,929	2,807	2,781	2,758	5.08
NC	2,782	2,597	2,542	2,569	5.72
TEXAS	2,316	2,168	2,096	2,175	4.76
TOTAL	21,366	20,653	19,959	20,483	5.03
MON-FRI	84,350	(A)			80,959

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Nov and 6-Nov-99 is estimated to be 31,966,000 up 5.48 percent from a week ago and down 2.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,305,000; last year 32,678,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 06-Nov-99 is estimated to be 156,201,000 head up 2.8 percent from a week ago, and up 2.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 152,012,000 Last year 152,261,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	80-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	107
	ICE PACK	92-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	104
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Oct. 23, 1999 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----			

Head	32,611	26,489	43,033
Avg Weight	3.78	4.85	6.05
% of total /1	32%	26%	42%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	30,494	33,198	42,411
Avg Weight	3.85	4.89	6.16
% of total /1	29%	31%	40%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,777	32,560	42,363
Avg Weight	3.82	4.78	6.08
% of total /1	29%	31%	40%
To date/1999	1,339,127	1,313,967	1,720,353
To date/1998	1,450,707	1,542,858	1,221,623

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 30-Oct-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					

HEAD	152,012	(A) 2,024	1,581	3,605	446
AVGWT	4.97	3.40	7.93	5.38	6.76
LAST WEEK	154,030	1,952	1,612	3,564	395
YR AGO	151,795	1,826	1,215	3,041	436
AVGWT	4.98	3.36	7.62	5.06	6.65
TO-DATE/1999	6,528,907	89,552	60,983	150,535	18,996
TO-DATE/1998	6,286,501	87,764	54,350	142,114	19,360

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.9 million head or 5.4 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY-- DATE OF AUCTION NOV. 02, 1999
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE
Banty Hens	1.00 - 3.00ea.	Pekin Ducks .40 - .62
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 5.00ea.	Pigeons 1.50 - 2.25ea.
Bunnies	1.00 - 5.50ea.	Pullets 4-6 .60 - .78
Chukars	1.50 - 1.75ea.	Rabbits 4-6 .60 - .94
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50- .72	Rabbits 7-11 .60 - .84
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50- 1.10	Red Fowl 4-4.5 .40 - .54
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50- .88	Red Fowl 5-6 .50 - .76
Doves	1.75 - 3.50ea.	Silgies 1.75 - 2.50ea.
Geese 9-14	.30- .38	White Pigeons 2.00 - 2.50ea.
Goats	30.00- 44.00ea.	
Guinea Fowl	1.35- 2.45	
Guinea Pigs	3.00- 6.75ea.	
Kid Goats	20.00 -28.00ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.12 - .32	
Leghorn Roosters	.20 - .38	Total Coops Sold 685
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.40 - .58	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.36 - .58	

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE for WEEK OF NOV. 1, 1998

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	62-64	63-64
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	69-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to at times good. Weights were mostly desirable. Plant slaughter schedules were normal. Prices to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in legs at \$1.15-1.70, gizzards \$1.30-1.40, wings at \$0.40-.60, and leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 18-OCT-99.

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER 25	157.8	153.2	103	5.04
OCTOBER 2	155.8	151.8	103	4.94
9	154.9	149.7	103	5.06
16	155.2	148.5	105	5.08
23	155.9	148.3	105	5.06
30	153.9	148.5	104	4.97
YEAR TO DATE	6,609.8	6,538.5	101	
NOVEMBER 6		148.3		
13		144.2		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	11/06/99	10/22/99	%CHG	11/07/98	%CHG
Broilers	156,201	*152,012	+03%	*152,261	+03%
Cattle	690	685	+01%	*680	+01%
Hogs	2,113	2,101	+01%	*2,136	-01%
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 30-Oct-99

IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 4,388 HD, 22,993 lbs., Light Hens 200 HD, 700 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were irregular, but usually light canners were steady and heavy canners were steady to full steady. Demand was moderate to good for about adequate to adequate offering. Some locations reported that heavy canners were in close balance to occasionally tight, light canners were generally adequate.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27 MAJORITY 25.5-26.25	32.75-36 MAJORITY 34-34.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
26-29 MAJORITY 26-27	31-38 MAJORITY 36.25-36.75

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was unaggressive for about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were in a range of slightly less, due to the holiday, to normal. Market conditions were steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were sufficient for a moderate demand. Processing schedules were about normal. The undertone was somewhat unsettled but usually steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices remained unchanged. Offerings were mostly fully adequate to ample for current processing needs. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules lighter. Offerings light for the next several weeks.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.5	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

NEW YORK SEASONAL HOLIDAY ITEMS. FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 1999.

CAPONS:

Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A capons were in close balance with trade needs. Early bookings for the upcoming holiday period were satisfactory. Deliveries were in progress. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Average weights were in a full range.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:
6-9 LBS. 1.56-1.65 MOSTLY 1.56

GEESE:

Supplies of frozen USDA grade A geese are in close balance to tight. Processors operated full schedules. Early orders for the November holiday period were being delivered. Average weights were in a full range. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-8 LBS.	TFEWR
8-10 LBS.	1.63-1.75
10-12 LBS.	1.63-1.75
12 LBS. AND UP	1.63-1.75

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT